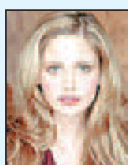


TV GUIDE

Sky One

- 5.10 Pokemon** (R) 2639125
5.35 Stargate: Infinity A planet lies in the path of a comet. (R,T) 9341941
6.00 Pokemon (R) 28729
6.30 Stargate: Infinity (R,T) 48458
7.00 Yu-Gi-Oh! (R) 75090
7.30 Zoids (R) 94125
8.00 The Dog Whisperer A dog obsessed with running. (R) 36467
8.30 Entertainment Tonight US Entertainment news. (R) 86908
9.00 Taste (R) 37477
10.00 Buffy The Vampire Slayer Two new vampires arrive in Sunnydale. (R,T) 90309
11.00 Relic Hunter (R,T) 70545
12.00 The Dog Whisperer A dog who likes to play with horses. 86944
12.30 Cruise With Stellos Life aboard easyCruiseOne. (R) 23090
1.00 Taste Food programme, hosted by Beverley Turner. 28545
2.00 Law & Order (R) 63767
3.00 Buffy The Vampire Slayer A classmate disappears during a visit to the museum. (R,T) 37729
4.00 Relic Hunter Syd helps Carson locate an ancient tomb. (R,T) 49564
5.00 Star Trek: Voyager Part one of two. A Federation starship is encountered. (R,T) 1926
6.00 Futurama (R,T) 5380
6.30 Malcolm In The Middle Hal throws Malcolm out of the house. Frankie Muniz stars. (R,T) 6632



BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER: Buffy and friends visit the local museum. 3pm

- 7.00 The Simpsons** Lisa is invited to join Mensa and Homer receives a free erotic photo-shoot. (R,T) 1835
7.30 The Simpsons A health inspector eats a pickled egg at Moe's and instantly drops dead. (R,T) 2816
8.00 Malcolm In The Middle Hal finds it hard keeping up with the youngsters when he takes a job in a stereo store. (R,T) 6093
8.30 Futurama The Planet Express team bring delicious aliens back to Earth. (R,T) 9090
9.00 Fastest Man In Water A look at the lives of two American swimmers who are good friends but arch rivals in the pool. 85854
10.00 The 4400 The NTAC team continue to follow the clues in their attempt to ascertain who killed Jordan Collier. However, Tom is forced to make an important decision about where his loyalties lie. (R) 88941
11.00 Scrubs JD decides to end his relationship with Danni when she shows him a building where they might live together. (R,T) 40293
11.30 Entertainment Tonight Amanda Byram presents a weekly round-up. 25816
12.30 Star Trek: Voyager (R,T) 1018930 **1.25 Fear Factor** (R,T) 5141317 **2.15 Law & Order** (R) 2538046 **3.05 Alias** (R,T) 8877572 **3.55 Entertainment Tonight US** 22195794 **4.20-5.10 Gamezville** (R) 1061930



CORONATION STREET: ITV1, 7.30pm

ALAN FRANK'S TELLY MOVIES

STAR RATINGS

****Don't miss it ***Good **Average
 *Time filler *Garbage!

THE MOUNTAIN (1956) *** Five 1.30-3.30pm. Adventure. Spencer Tracy and Robert Wagner set off to find the wreckage of a crashed airplane in the Alps but one of them is determined to loot the aircraft and the other is equally determined to stop him.

INCIDENT IN A SMALL TOWN (TVM, 1994) **** C4 1.50-3.30pm. Murder mystery. When respected judge Harry Morgan is accused of having murdered his daughter's lover, family friend Walter Matthau sets out to investigate and uncover the truth.

IMMEDIATE FAMILY (1989) *** Five 3.35-5.30pm. Drama. It looks like heartbreak for a childless couple planning to adopt the baby of two teenagers unable to look after the child themselves.

GROSSE POINT BLANK (1997) **** Five 9.00-11.05pm. Black comedy. Hitman John Cusack is set to combine business and pleasure when he returns home to kill someone and also to attend his high school reunion - but there's a dangerous fly in the ointment.

FIST OF FURY (1972) **** Five 11.05pm-1.05am. Martial arts adventure. Bruce Lee blazes into action after a student is killed during a war between Japanese martial arts students and a rival Chinese group.

BATS (1999) **** C4 11.35pm-1.10am. Shocker. Two wildlife experts take on the legions of genetically mutated killer bats that have escaped from a shady research establishment and are terrorising the inhabitants of a small town in Texas.

PATCH ADAMS (1998) * BBC1 11.35-1.30am. Fact-based comedy drama. Sentiment-soaked Robin Williams is supremely irritating playing an orthodox student doctor whose clowning cheers up on-screen patients while hyper-irritating luckless viewers.

THE BODY SNATCHER (1945) b/w **** BBC2 12.35-2.00am. Classic vintage shocker. 18th Century Edinburgh anatomist Henry Daniell falls in with evil grave robbers when he is forced to look for the regular supply of corpses he needs for his work.

REGIONAL VARIATIONS

BBC1 Variations WALES: 6.30-7.00 Regional News 449
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MIKE WARD

WHAT'S HOT TO WATCH TODAY



THE fallout from Jason's split with Sarah is still hanging over **CORONATION STREET** (ITV1, 7.30pm).

Violet's taken shelter at the Rovers, where she's consoled tonight by Sunita and Shelley. "At least I'm not pregnant by Jason," she remarks tactlessly, temporarily forgetting that Sunita's heavily up the duff with Dirty Dev's twins. "Can you imagine if I'd been stupid enough to have kids? ... Oh, God, I'm sorry ..."

Jason, meanwhile, is chatting with his boss and mentor, the ever charming Charlie. "You lucky beggar!" exclaims Charlie when

he hears what Jason's been up to. "I take my hat off to you!"

Jason insists: "I'm not proud of myself," but Charlie assures him: "You should be. It's not even like one of them's a dog."

"If you want my advice, you'll get round there sharpish. Lay your cards on the table, try and make amends. She's just doing this to punish you. Tell you what, I could even put it about that you tried to top yourself last night. I don't mind. That would really get her hot to trot."

Also on the Street, newlywed Cilla moans that being married is a waste of her pulling power. "I know every trick in the book to

get a bloke into bed," she points out to Fiz. "Eight pints of cider?" Fiz inquires. "A stun gun?"

MEANWHILE, in **EASTENDERS** (BBC1, 8pm), the soap police are sniffing around Albert Square, curious as to the whereabouts of Simple Sam. "You appreciate that hindering the police in their inquiries is a criminal offence?" one of them asks Peg. Like that's going to bother her!

AND Corrie's Bradley Walsh is the latest celeb to front ITV1's telly flashback show **MUST-SEE TV** (10pm), tonight looking back on top Seventies cop show The Sweeney.

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...ON LAST NIGHT'S TV

BOREDOM can be a dangerous thing, particularly when you mix it with teenagers. Last night, **DEATH METAL MURDERS** (BBC2) introduced us to a new, ear-splitting kind of music, whose lyrics celebrate Satanism, rape and mutilation.

Fronted by bands with names like Cannibal Corpse, Morbid Angel and Autopsy, the death metal scene is a big hit with teenagers who, naturally enough, see it as a great way of horrifying their parents.

In that sense, they're not much different from the 'flappers' of the 1920s, who made the older generation go purple in the face just by dancing the Charleston. But some kids have gone well beyond liking the music as a fashion statement. In 1996, three

Californian teenagers, all heavily into death metal, killed one of their classmates in a devil-worshipping sacrifice. More recently, two teenagers in Milan were brutally stabbed by their friends in a bizarre ritual.

Understandably, the parents of the victims, and some spokesmen from the Church, think the music is drawing impressionable youngsters into the occult.

Cruelty

But the death metal bands themselves seemed like circus acts, who only chuck pigs' heads around and shout: "Kill Christians!" because they know how much it delights their audience. Clearly some record company bosses are growing very rich from

a kind of music that often celebrates violence and cruelty. And clearly some people are influenced by it, too.

But they're the same people who'd put their hands in the fire if you told them to – a tiny minority, and not like the bulk of youngsters.

We might as well stop making cars because a handful of us will always drive like lunatics. In any case, it's doubtful whether death metal's gruesome lyrics are really giving the devil a helping hand.

The singing style involves sticking a microphone down your throat as far as your tonsils, and roaring into it at very high speed. You can't understand a word of it – even if you want to.

FILMS

SKY MOVIES 1

6.05am It Had To Be You (2000) (PG) Romantic comedy, 26224816
7.50 The Michael Jackson Story: The Man In The Mirror (2004) (PG) Biopic, starring Flex Alexander, 49190835
9.35 Boy Meets Girl (1998) (PG) Comedy, starring Sean Astin, 17062831
11.25 A Bear Named Winnie (2004) (PG) Fact-based drama, starring Michael Fassbender, 97288564
1.15pm It Had To Be You (2000) (PG) Romantic comedy, starring Natasha Henstridge, 31844293
3.00 The Michael Jackson Story: The Man In The Mirror (2004) (PG) Biopic, starring Flex Alexander, 29025038
4.35 Boy Meets Girl (1998) (PG) Comedy, starring Sean Astin, 47440274
6.20 A Bear Named Winnie (2004) (PG) Fact-based drama, 70796903
8.00 Spartan (2004) (15) Premiere, Political thriller, starring Val Kilmer, 69816
10.00 The Day After Tomorrow (2004) (12) Disaster thriller, starring Dennis Quaid, 30323293
12.10am Death To Smoochy (2002) (15) Black comedy, 151510
2.05 Too Legit: The MC Hammer Story (2001) (15) Biopic, 675442
3.40 Route 9 (1998) (15) Thriller, starring Kyle MacLachlan, 195046
5.30-7.10 A Bear Named Winnie (2004) (PG) Drama, 53667715

SKY MOVIES 2

6.40am Gentle Ben: Black Gold (2003) (PG) Drama, 94536800
8.25 Pinocchio And The Emperor Of The Night (1987) (U) 17969187
10.10 The Long Walk Home (1990) (PG) Drama, 83307800
12.00noon School Of Rock (2004) (PG) Comedy, 60670
2.00 UK Top 10 47034922
2.20 Pinocchio And The Emperor Of The Night (1987) (U) 17969187
4.00 Gentle Ben: Black Gold (2003) (PG) Drama, 86179670
5.40 Bridget Jones: The Edge Of Reason - Behind The Scenes A look at the making of the film, 996545
6.00 Prelude To A Kiss (1992) (PG) Fantasy, starring Meg Ryan, 66728
8.00 School Of Rock (2004) (PG) Comedy, starring Jack Black, 61274
10.00 EuroTrip (2004) (15) 493564
11.50 Darkness Falls (2003) (15) Horror, starring Chaney Kley, 707699
1.35am Bonus: The Exorcism Of Emily Rose 5943688
2.05 Braveheart (1995) (15) Adventure, 95279133
5.05 6.55 The Long Walk Home (1990) (PG) Drama, 69598268

SKY CINEMA 1

6.00am No Highway In The Sky (1951) (U) Adventure, 5986187
8.00 Kiss Me, Stupid (1964) (PG) Comedy, 59038212
10.10 Twelve Angry Men (1957) (U) Drama, 12778106
12.10pm No Highway In The Sky (1951) (U) Adventure, 4861545
2.00 Our Man In Havana (1960) (PG) Drama, 4932944
4.00 Twelve Angry Men (1957) (U) Drama, starring Henry Fonda, 60029767
5.50 Kiss Me, Stupid (1964) (PG) Comedy, with Dean Martin, 14729941
8.00 The Fortune Cookie (1966) (U) Comedy, starring Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau, 49449458
10.05 Blow Out (1981) (18) Thriller, starring John Travolta and Nancy Allen, 2824748
11.55 The Company Of Wolves (1984) (18) Surreal fantasy, starring Angela Lansbury, 4840380
1.35am Permission To Kill (1975) (15) Thriller, 5385997
3.25 Ray Harryhausen Special 51384881
3.50 6.00 The Fortune Cookie (1966) (U) Comedy, 76505220

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 7.00 Chris Moyles, 10.00 Jo Whiley, 12.45 Newsbeat, 1.00 Colin And Edith, 4.00 Scott Mills, 6.00 The Essential Selection, 9.00 Westwood, 11.00 Reggae Dancehall Nite, 1.00 Fabio And Grooverider, 3.00 Xtra Presents
Radio 2 (FM: 88-90.2 MHz)
 6.00 Sarah Kennedy, 7.30 Wake Up To Wogan, 9.30 Ken Bruce, 12.00 Jeremy Vine, 2.00 Steve Wright In The Afternoon, 5.05 Johnnie Walker, 7.00 Rosie All The Way, 7.30 Friday Night Is Music Night, 9.15 Chronicles: Volume One, 9.30 Listen To The Band, 10.00 The Green Room, 12.00 Bob Harris, 3.00 Janey Lee Grace, 5.00 Morning Reports, 6.00 Breakfast, 9.00 Phil Williams, 12.00 The Midday News, 1.00 Simon Mayo, 4.00 Drive, 7.00 Sport On Five, 10.00 Brian Hayes, 1.00 Up All Night, Virgin Radio (MW: 1215, 1197, 1242 kHz), 6.00 Russ Williams, 10.00 Leona Graham, 1.00 Neil Francis, 5.00 Martin Collins, 6.00 Party Classics, 10.00 John Osborne, 10.00 The Edge, 3.00-6.00 Robin Burke.

SPORT

SKY SPORTS 1

6.00am Live European Tour Golf 692019
9.00 Big Fight Countdown 33564 **9.30 UEFA Champions League** 79800 **10.00 UEFA Champions League** 91564 **10.30 UEFA Champions League** 39748 **11.00 UEFA Champions League** 78090 **11.30 UEFA Champions League** 86019 **12.00noon UEFA Champions League** 40800 **12.30 UEFA Champions League** 53816 **1.00 UEFA Champions League** 10187 **1.30 UEFA Champions League** 52187 **2.00 UEFA Champions League** 2583 **2.30 UEFA Champions League** 1729 **3.00 UEFA Champions League** 1090 **3.30 UEFA Champions League** 6274 **4.00 UEFA Champions League** 5309 **4.30 UEFA Champions League** 4293 **5.00 Big Fight Countdown** 3535 **5.30 FIFA Futbol Mundial** 5545 **6.00 Soccer AM's All Sports Show** 534651 **6.55 U Can Do It** 872767 **7.00 Premier League Preview** 3699 **7.30 Live Victory Shield Football** 596057 **10.00 Live Friday Fight Night** 89106 **12.00midnight Victory Shield Football** 14607 **1.30 World Sport** 47930 **2.00 Friday Fight Night** 23355 **4.00 Soccer AM's All Sports Show** 8361355 **4.55 U Can Do It** 90171220 **5.00 Premier League Preview** 28268 **5.30-6.00 World Sport** 75539

SKY SPORTS 2

6.00am Live Test Cricket 5099187
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ITV2

9.25am The Planet's Funniest Animals 9.55 Airline USA **10.25 Sally Jessy Raphael** 11.10 Judge Judy **12.25pm The Jeremy Kyle Show** 1.30 Coronation Street **2.00 Emmerdale** 3.00 Ricki Lake **3.50 Trisha** 4.55 Sally Jessy Raphael **5.45 Movies Now** 6.00 I'm A Celebrity... Jungle Drums **7.00 Spin City** 7.30 ITV At The Movies **8.00 The Xtra Factor: Xcess All Areas** 9.00 Unlikely Lovers **10.00 I'm A Celebrity... NOW!** 11.00 I'm A Celebrity... Live **11.35 Coronation Street** **12.10am The Frank Skinner Show** 1.10 Ricki Lake **1.40 Spin City** **2.00-6.01 I'm A Celebrity... Live**

ITV3

6.00am Survival 7.00 Survival **8.00 Quincy** 9.00 Chicago Hope **9.55 LA Law** **10.55 The Practice** **11.50 Quincy** **12.50pm Chicago Hope** **1.50 LA Law** **2.50 Peak Practice** **3.50 Wildlife** **4.55 The Practice** **5.50 Film** **6.00 LA Law** **7.00 Point** **9.00 Film** **Far And Away** (1992) (15) **11.35 Hammer House Of Horror** **12.40am Big Game TV**

BBC THREE

7.00pm News **7.30 Trauma** **8.00 The House Of Tiny Tearaways** **9.00 Would You Buy A House With A Stranger?** **10.00 EastEnders** **10.30 Man Stroke Woman** **11.00 The Comic Side Of 7 Days** **11.30 Two Pints Of Lager And A Packet Of Crisps** **12.30 The House Of Tiny Tearaways** **1.00 Man Stroke Woman** **1.30 The Comic Side Of 7 Days** **2.00 Would You Buy A House With A Stranger?** **2.55 Spendaholics**

BBC FOUR

7.00pm Tales From The Palaces **7.30 Thoroughly Modern Antiques** **8.00 The World** **8.00 Weather** **8.30 The Cinema Show** **9.00 Legends** **10.00 The Highland Sessions** **10.30 Olé: Quile Interactions** **11.00 The Late Edition** **11.30 The Avengers** **12.00am Film: Le Feu Follet** (1963) (15) **2.05 The Cinema Show** **2.35 Legends** **3.35 The Highland Sessions**

MORE4

12.05pm Richard & Judy **1.05 Countdown** **1.50 Hill Street Blues** **2.55 ER** **3.55 Film: The African Queen** (1951) (PG) **5.55 More4 News** **6.00 Time Team** **7.00 Jamie's Great Escape** **7.30 The View From River Cottage** **8.00 More4 News** **8.30 The Daily Show With Jon Stewart** **9.00 The West Wing** **10.00 Film: A Room With A View** (1986) (PG) **12.05am Curb Your Enthusiasm** **12.45 ER** **1.45 Time Team** **2.45 Hill Street Blues**

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Brad's a huge hit with Angie

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IT'S the movie that spawned the great "are they or aren't they" debate.

But one thing's for sure, Brad and Angelina are certainly a knock 'em dead couple in Mr. & Mrs. Smith.

This slick action comedy brings Pitt and Jolie to the big screen together for the first time, starring as assassins who just happen to be married.

John (Pitt) and Jane (Jolie) first meet in Columbia and begin a sizzling affair, marrying just six weeks later.

Secret

Several years down the line, the duo are an ordinary suburban couple with an ordinary, lifeless suburban marriage.

The spark has gone out of their relationship and they sign up to marriage counselling.

However, each of them has kept a big secret from the other - they are both legendary assassins working for competing organisations.

John's agency is low-rent and run with pal Eddie (Vince Vaughn) while Jane's is fashionably chic and run by women.

On a typical day they set off separately to do their jobs, he to kill several men in a bar, she to pose as a dominatrix while breaking a guy's neck.

But the couple find themselves unknowingly assigned to the same case by their agencies.

They identify each other, and compliant to the rules of their profession, their next assignment becomes to kill each other.

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ALAN FRANK'S DVD VIEW

TOP TIP

Mr. & Mrs. SMITH (15)
(Fox DVD/VHS)

BORED suburban housewife Jane Smith, played by sexpot Angelina Jolie, is asked: "How often do you have sex?" She replies: "I don't understand the question."

So it's clear that her marriage to hunky but equally jaded Brad Pitt is rocky. The magic has gone out of their lives and marriage guidance isn't going to help bring it back.

Luckily for them, their jobs have plenty of excitement. They're both professional assassins - and their marriage perks up when they're hired to bump each other off.

Director Doug Liman stages the exciting clash of killers with pace and power, staging stand-out action sequences and spectacular car chases.

Pitt and Jolie are in tip-top form, with sexual chemistry that sears the screen (if they could bottle it and sell it they'd never need to work again). And Vince Vaughn has his merry moments as a murderous mother's boy.

It's a satisfying and sizzling action-and-comedy thriller.

VERDICT: 8/10

BEST OF THE REST

DARK WATER (15)
(Buena Vista DVD)

SINGLE mum Jennifer Connolly and her young daughter, Ariel Gade, move into a grim, grimy apartment,

where things start to go bump in the night. This slick shocker is a moody Hollywood remake of a Japanese horror movie.

Connolly looks lovely and suffers nobly, Gade is eerie, especially when talking to her "imaginary" friend, while British actor Pete Postlethwaite's odd foreign accent as a janitor supplies useful laughs.

VERDICT: 5/10

FAMILY CHOICE

TOY STORY 10TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION (U) TOY STORY 2 SPECIAL EDITION (U)
(Buena Vista DVD)

TOM HANKS is heard but not seen in the first of these flicks as the voice of toy cowboy Woody, who

isn't well pleased by the arrival of cool spaceman Buzz Lightyear. But when Buzz falls from the window, Woody rushes to rescue his rival.

Pixar's animated action fantasy is a real treat, featuring great gags and a parade of talking toys kids would mug Santa for.

The fun continues in Toy Story 2, which finds the talented toys roaring to the rescue when Woody is kidnapped by a collector.

VERDICT: 8/10

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Hunky model George Lazenby tried his hand in On Her Majesty's Secret Service, before passing James Bond to Roger Moore and Timothy Dalton.

And Pierce Brosnan became the best Bond of all in Goldeneye and two further 007 beauties. This set has the lot.

VERDICT: 9/10



CHILLS: Jennifer Connolly stars in Dark Water

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Paras & commando R not elite, U cant enter at the top. only troops lyk SAS, SBS & pathfinder squadrn! All forces R equal heroes 2 put up with T cr*p they av 2 firm all sides. It seems only cops count with govt. **Ex Squadie!**

To Robert, VC is for military but the Queen can award her the George Cross which is civilian equivalent. **Muzza, Leigh, Lancs**

why cant we have several lotteries run by the Government - Sat for NHS, Fri for Education and so on, then the public can decide where 2 give money. **anon**

24 hour boozin gr8! i work nites n miss weekends, now i can strut my heels down the street after work & be in bed by 12... noon! **kel, liverpool**

HANG ALL B*TARDS WHO HURT DEFENCELESS ANIMALS. **CATWOMAN**

Numpy blatter wants to ban nat anthems? Send him a copy of god save the queen - by the sex pistols cos hes pretty vacant! **Daz Chorley**

im a sparky & a lot of my mates & me r out of work cos polish sparks hav tuk our jobs 4 1/2 pay, glad ive got my kid is prezzys. **Rob**

my son-in-law is muslim. he celebrates xmas with us, buys prezies and loves great time we have. So get off

muslims backs and blame our govmt and council. they say wot goes. **carol**

To Fife Atheist, christmas is 4 any faith that celebrates the birth of jesus christ. **THE GREEN**

My kids' school hav banned Nativity play and Xmas cards but had a celebration 4 Eid!! Double standards or wot? **Lisa, Gateshead**

People who r pro-asylum seekers r obviously not on council or NHS waiting lists. **HUMBBUG, London**

i love the fact our country is made up of every race and creed and proud they want to live with us, but only if they can live like us. **matt van diemen**

How can any1 drive safely in burka? can only c thru a slit smaller than a letterbox. **MARK, RUGBY**

Wide cars too big for parking bays? Big car, small genitalia! Glad i got a REAL Mini! **MINI DRIVER**

Bob (re Posh Spice). I can recommend a good optician. **Ian W**

How dare peter andre wear AC/DC T shirt. He would not knw talent if it punched him. **SEMI**

Eileen, if u mean the tribute vid on smackdown, it's Here Without You by 3 Doors Down. **RIP Eddie. RKO**

SONG 4 EDDIE ON RAW WAS HURT BY JOHNNY CASH. FROM HIS FINAL ALBUM. **VIVA LA RASA! DEXY**

Julie, the old blokes from the muppet show were stadtler n waldorf. **Kay, Barnsley**

I WEAR MY BIRDS CROTCHLESS TIGHTS TO WORK. KEEP WARM AND CAN STILL PEE STANDIN UP! **DAVID HILL, MOTHERWELL**

womens underwear is much warmer than mens! **DEREK RUTHERFORD, FIFE**

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My mate reckons you'll never print this text, so do me a favour and win me a fiver! daily star rules! **cree**



Pls print pic of gorgeous Joss Stone on stage showing her lush legs and sexy bare feet. I'd lov to suck her toes! **MOKI**

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my daughter jodie, far left, with her mates emily and jess meeting holly from ministry of mayhem. taken at the studios when they were in the audience. **jan from cheltenham**

Elaine's £165k stroll

Elaine said she'll never go camping ever again. correct me if i'm wrong but all she did was go for walk in the woods and got £65k - plus now wants £100k! **DR Red**

Hen party in my local last night. Legless at 11 on karaoke, sounded tons better than Conways. **anon**

Louis Walsh has spat his dummy out because Simon speaks the truth. Good riddance. X factor will be better without him! **LORD KEV**

to carl - yeah mate, band idol would be the dogs botox. my band would blow all contenders away just get proper judges, not faded record execs. **matt**

to all u men who txt in moaning about x factor - go down the pub instead u jessies! **julie**

WHY DO PEOPLE ON TV inc CHEFS TALK WITH FOOD IN THEIR MOUTHS? ITS DISGUSTING. anyone agree? **tom**

bring back brookside, that was a real soap - guns, gangsters, jennifer ellison. Better than fat over-the-hill mitchells. **davebeef**

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if u dont believe countrys goin down the pan, watch the jeremy kyle show. **tone**

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And if you die and Mr Brown finds out, that's another charge. It is getting ridiculous.

A.A. STILL, Ilford.
IT is a kind gesture to have a Save The Children Fund, but it would be nice to have a Save The Pensioners fund too, as they took us through two World Wars.

STANLEY BURTON, Northumberland.
THE immigration board can't be entirely slated for keeping Big Brother's Makosi here.

That woman has to be the most skilled, unapologetic liar in history, apart from the Government!

J. BARKER, Leeds.
MAKOSI being allowed to stay in this country should be on the condition that she goes back to work as a nurse.

After all, it is because she secured work that she was allowed here in the first place.

L. COLLINS, Maidenhead.

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FIGHTIN' TALK

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SEATING SLAM:
Trip lands a
chairshot on
Val Venie while,
right, RAW
begins in the
Sheffield Arena
car park



THE WWE juggernaut rolled across our shores with all the appearance of a familiar well-oiled machine this week.

Fittingly, Eddie Guerrero was at the forefront of the hearts and minds of those attending and performing in the television tapings at Sheffield's Hallam FM Arena.

An emotionally-charged atmosphere saw WWE attempt to respectfully move on from Eddie and build for the Survivor Series PPV on Sunday night.

WWE is on the ropes, make no mistake about it. The atmosphere amongst the staff and wrestlers was one of subdued shock.

At a time of immense personal grief for many of Guerrero's closest compadres, they found themselves halfway round the world trying to come to terms with the most traumatic loss the wrestling business has suffered in recent memory.

And the Smackdown champion is in serious trouble. Batista has torn his lateral muscle so severely he will require corrective surgery.

Perversely, it seems that the Animal is so badly injured that being choke-slammed through car windscreens and announce tables on Sunday isn't really going to make too much of a difference until he goes under the knife.

So to RAW. The flagship show was all about the PPV, as one might expect, and the opening brawl in the CAR PARK (ahem, not "parking lot") raised the stakes nicely. At least Todd Grisham looked suitably chastened by the Yorkshire chill, and you will have noticed neither Randy Orton or Chris Masters removed his shirt.

Flaky

Bischoff must have had a solid 15 minutes of mic time during this show, which is a little over the top.

The Smackdown invasion is a given, it's the week of Survivor Series, but a lot of folks would have preferred the story to be told in the ring, not at the end of a cable.

The only way was up after Snitsky and Tomko, the World's Flakiest tag team, made a pig's ear of their squash on Heat.

Tomko's elbow was a full yard away from his opponent on their version of the Snapshot, in this case, the "crapshot", for the finish.

Carlito got a deserved rousing reception. It was good to see him wrestle instead of just clutching his Golden Delicious.

The best match was Angle and Benjamin, although Kurt did seem a little pre-occupied.

The nearest thing to a title change was the Murdoch-Flair match. FT expects the redneck to have that strap off the Nature Boy after SS.

Vincent is high on him. A Harley Race-trained boy outdoing Flair!! Hats off

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ASHLEY has a trapped sciatic nerve after the Coventry house show and spent three days on her back. Oh stop it!! FT offered our services etc. etc. Prognosis is uncertain, but she is up and about. Good luck to her.

WHILE we're on the subject of divas, Candice Michelle deserves a second star on her wand for the outfit she sported on RAW. Hubba! Hubba!

THUMBS up to the concept of drugs testing. Too late for Eugene, though, who allegedly passed out at a hotel and is now in rehab if reports are true.

to Trip, by the way, for a sick chairshot on the unfortunate Val Venie.

The heir apparent got a huge ovation. It's funny how people seem to miss him when he's not on top and complain when he is.

Cena impressed me by turning an edgy and difficult crowd at the drop of a hat with impressive mic work. A lot of people there wanted to jeer him.

Anyone who tells you his ability to entertain a hostile crowd like that isn't special is talking rubbish.

Needed help from the Boogeyman though.

Historic

Smackdown was a super show. Now FT doesn't want to spoil tonight's episode for those of you who weren't at the tapings, but we can go so far as to say there was a four-star match contender on Velocity between MNM, who really are looking the part these days, and Kendrick and London.

Benoit-Booker is worth tuning in for too, and SD also has an historic announcement.

Burchill and Regal were well received, but pop of the night was between Mysterio and the magnificent Mr Kennedy. It raised eyebrows here to note that cries of "Kennedy" were as frequent and loud as the "Wooooos".

And then they were gone. Great scenes as Mysterio and Benoit, Eddie's friends, paid tribute with the crowd. Seeing an empty ring while his music was playing just brought it all home.

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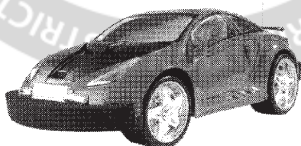
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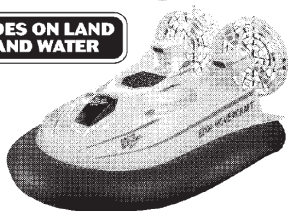


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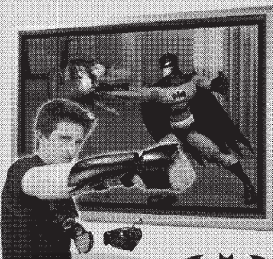
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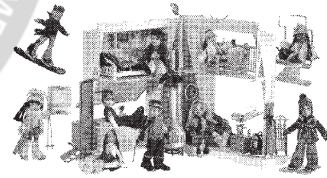
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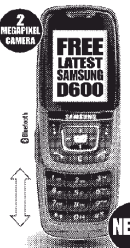
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Movers & groovers

LEGAL software consultant Tikit wrote to shareholders yesterday telling them to ignore a letter that appeared to be about a takeover bid for the company.

The unnamed sender is thought to have lined up an offer for another potential target but posted details to Tikit investors by mistake.

Tikit chairman Mike McGoun said: "The directors are not aware of any proposed takeover of the company.

"Shareholders are advised to disregard the letter which the board believes has been sent in error."

IT should be a bumper Christmas for families with relatives who work in the Square Mile.

The average City worker's take-home pay has risen to £50,945 a year, up from £43,873 last year, according to recruitment specialists Morgan McKinley.

BY coincidence, both Tony Blair and the Confederation Of British Industry's director general Digby Jones chose Monday to talk up the future of nuclear power.

When asked about it by journalists, Jones looked like a schoolboy caught in front of a broken window with a catapult in his back pocket. "What a surprise," he said.

JOHN Lewis Partnership's communication director Paul Burden is set to step down after six years as spin doctor-in-chief at the employee-owned retailer.

The former BBC newsreader, 60, will retire in January.

THE DEALER

HOT GOSSIP

SHARES in **Advanced Fluid Connections**, the former Oystertec pipe-fitting business, rebounded 1.5p or 28% to 6.75p yesterday.

Advanced's plumbing products business has been severely hit by production costs due to the sharp rise in copper prices.

House firm's success storey

HOUSEBUILDER Persimmon is set to join the FTSE-100 elite after agreeing the £643 million takeover of rival **Westbury**.

Already the largest builder by stock market value, the deal will see the York-based group overtake **Barratt** as the No.1 by number of homes built.

At £3.2 billion, Persimmon ranks 84th largest UK quoted company and is due for promotion to the Footsie at the next reshuffle.

The offer is 560p per share plus a 6.1p dividend, a 22% premium on the price before talks began two weeks ago.

Persimmon backed up the move by splashing out £169 million on a 26.1% stake in its target. Persimmon built 12,360 homes last year and Westbury 4,400, putting the enlarged group on course for 20,000 homes within five years.

Persimmon chief executive John White said "a few hundred" office jobs would be axed to cut out duplication.

FAIR SHARES

LEADING share prices fell from four-year highs yesterday after a sell-off in blue-chip property firms. **Land Securities** and **Hammerson** were among the big fallers, along with catering giant **Compass Group**, which is the subject of an investigation by the Serious Fraud Office.

Break time

AMEC PLANS A 3-WAY SPLIT

■ BY BILL MARTIN

CONSTRUCTION and oil field engineer **Amec** unveiled a plan to break itself into three pieces yesterday.

Chief executive Sir Peter Mason said the company does not have enough money to expand in three different markets simultaneously.

So he is putting the company's France-based European construction and engineering business **Spie** - expected to be worth around £450million - up for sale.

And he will then look at splitting the remaining firm into two, with the UK construction arm demerging from the oil and gas engineering business, which is planning to win new contracts on the back of booming energy prices.

Loss

He also said he is pulling out of loss making UK road building contracts, US construction management and some oil and gas work - at a cost of £70m.

The City welcomed the move, sending the shares up 15p to 372p, which values Amec at £1.24 billion.

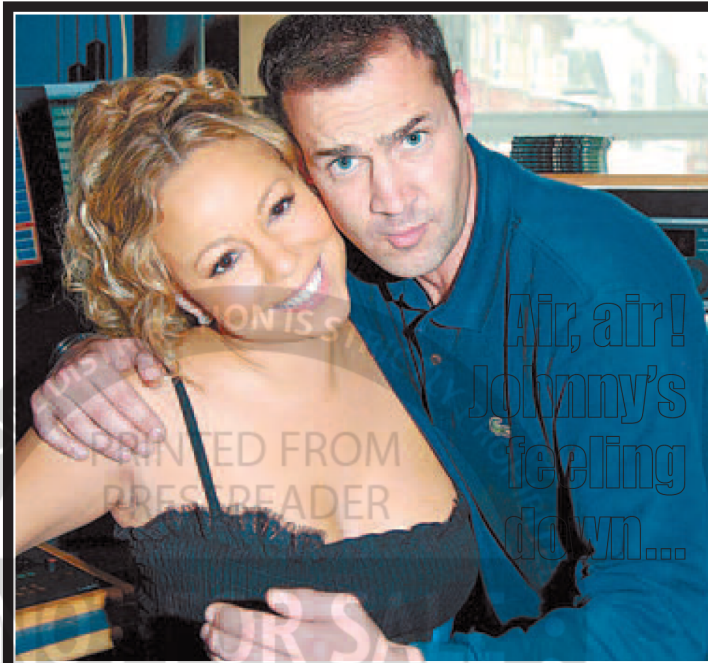
"Breaking Amec into its constituent parts has seemed an obvious scenario for quite some time," said Emma Ormond, of **Oriel Securities**.

"Nobody in the UK has ever got their head around the Spie business, so it was always likely to be undervalued within the overall portfolio."

Amec's ambitions to expand as a service of the world's oil and gas rigs has been hampered by its high debt - £300m at the last results.

It has also suffered in Iraq, where four workers died in attacks last year and work to repair electricity and water supplies has been delayed.

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BRITAIN'S biggest commercial radio group, **GCAP Media**, has halved the dividend and slashed ad time on flagship **Capital Radio**.

It also announced that weak first-half figures - mainly from

struggling **Capital** - had continued into the second. Shares fell 59p to 282p.

The company was formed in May by merging **Classic FM** owner **GWR** with **Capital** - whose star presenter, Johnny

Vaughan, is pictured above with singer **Mariah Carey**.

GCAP chief **Ralph Bernard** is trying to repeat his **Classic FM** success by halving the time devoted to ads. But this will wipe £7 million off revenue.

Hi-tech sales boost at Comet

ELECTRICAL goods giant **Comet** is seeing signs of recovery as MP3 players and flat-screen TVs fly off its shelves in time for Christmas.

But owner **Kesa Electricals** had bad news on its French operations yesterday.

Price deflation and stiff competition has hit the performance of its **Darty** and **BUT** chains.

Kesa reported a 3.1% fall in like-for-like sales at Comet's 249 store in the three months to October 31.

This was an improvement on first-half figures, thanks to strong sales of new technology products.

Shoppers

Sales of white goods such as fridges and ovens fell in line with the wider market as shoppers hold back on expensive home items.

Chief executive **Jean-Noel Labroue** said Comet grew its market share slightly in the three months.

"Given the economic climate and market uncertainties, it is too early to predict customer spending patterns during the key December/January trading period," he said.

"But we can predict that any sales growth will be in flat screen TVs and new technologies rather than traditional goods."

FTSE100 SHARE INDEX ▼ Down 20.70 point (-0.37%) at 5511.00

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HALFORDS GETS A WARM GLOW

DEMAND for de-icers and car batteries during the cold snap is helping bike and car parts retailer **Halfords** to drive ahead.

Sales of sat nav equipment, iPod car stereo connectors and bikes will also boost the company in the run-up to Christmas.

Reporting a 21% rise in half-year profits, the group said sales had increased in the past six weeks from the 2.6% growth recorded in the first half.

Chief executive **Ian McLeod** said bikes and in-car gadgets were flying

out of Halfords' 402 stores.

The retailer, which sells a third of all bikes sold in the UK, launched a new top-of-the-range bicycle collection under the Carrera brand.

It has also started selling the device that allows people to listen to iPods in their cars. Pre-tax profits rose £6.9m to £40.4m in the first half.

McLeod said the firm's resilience in a consumer slump reflected that many of its products were necessities. He said: "If your car bulb blows you have to replace it."

GIVE US A STEER

Q I'VE heard that production of the Vauxhall Monaro is ending soon. Does that mean it's now a good time to get a discount?

A Vauxhall's muscle-bound Monaro Coupé is indeed facing the chop. It means the few discounts offered won't be around for ever. Some main dealers are taking about £4,000 off the £29,895 list price.

It's spacious, well-equipped and offers a more relaxed style of high performance motoring than European and Japanese rivals.

Q Do you know of any large 4x4s that I can buy for less than £12,000?

A You can pick up an early 1998 diesel Merc M-Class diesel from around £11,500, because this was actually a car that arrived at the wrong

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time. It went on sale just over a year before the BMW X5 and was designed to do the job of a semi-serious off-roader, while providing the creature comforts a Merc customer would expect.

However, later premium 4x4s tended to favour on-road performance, leaving the ML comparatively overwhelmed on the driving front, while the earliest M-Class models were criticised for not carrying the craftsmanship expected of a car wearing the three-pointed star.

Even so, the ML is still an imposing sight, feels like a premium 4x4 and will depreciate slowly.

FORD have made a stack of what they call "big car features" available throughout their Fiesta and Fusion range, even though most of them have already been standard on cars like the Peugeot 206, Renault Clio and baby Citroëns for a long time. Climate control, rain-sensitive wipers, light-sensitive headlights, Bluetooth hands-free, MP3 connection and fold-flat heated door mirrors are all on the shopping list. A new small-car feature, however, is voice-activated controls for the phone, sound-system and even climate control. Welcome to the real world.



NEW LOOK: Meriva gets a makeover

More for the Meri

YOU probably won't have seen many of these around. And that's because the Vauxhall Meriva is a remarkably dull looking and equally dull to drive machine.

Now Vauxhall have decided to do something about this beacon of failure by completely refreshing it on the inside and outside, as well as giving it three new engines.

And as you can see from the front, this far more aggressive bumper and grille have smartened it up considerably.

The rear gets smoked lights and a new chrome strip while a "refreshed" interior

features an all-new fabric line-up (so it's not trimmed in "dull" any more) along with shiny chrome fittings to lighten things up.

A new 74 bhp, 1.3-litre diesel unit offers 57 mpg, while out goes the current 1.6, to be replaced by Vauxhall's new twinport engine, taking the car to 112mph while still returning 42 mpg.

The new range appears early in 2006, starting at around £11,000, and will include a daft 176 bhp, 1.6-litre, VXR turbo at around £16,500. With 0-60 in eight seconds and 138mph it sounds... Merivulous. Yep, that's an attempt at a pun. Sorry.

Sovereign's the king

I'VE been a bad, bad boy, but I don't care because I enjoyed myself.

And anyway I didn't have to pay for it, otherwise it would have cost almost a grand.

It's certain the police wouldn't have been happy if they'd caught me. Blimey I would probably have got done for this.

What are you thinking? Look forget it, this is a motoring column - some of the time.

And anyway, if you'd imagined something sleazy and tasteless, and I bet you were, then take a look at the car I've been driving.

That's right, it's a Jaguar, dear chap. It tells a story of class, refinement, taste, comfort, excellence.

There's nothing tawdry about this car, or the men you'd find behind the wheel.

And before all you equal rights butch lezzers start whining, when did you ever see a woman driving a proper Jag? That's right. Never.

Proper Jag? I mean a dirty big Sovereign. Extremely wealthy XJ drivers like me sneer at S-Type owners and cringe at the thought of a paltry X-Type.

A poor creature driving one of those waved at me as if he was in the Jag club. I completely ignored the odious little creep. It happened last week

FACT FILE

Jaguar XJ 2.7L diesel Sovereign.

PRICE (on the road): £49,995. (range: £43,995 - £74,995).

ENGINE: 2,722cc, lightweight cast iron block, alloy head, 24-valve V6, quadcam (204bhp, 321lb torque).

TOP SPEED: 141mph; 0-60mph: 7.8 secs.

MPG: Urban: 26.0; extra urban: 43.7; combined: 35.0.

CO₂: 249g/km.

INS GROUP: 15.

when I found myself cruising back down south after a visit to the Jewel of the North. That's right: Macclesfield.

As I purred back down the M6 in my Jaguar, I noticed that my right knee was hurting. I needed to stretch my leg, but I didn't want to stop, so this was my cunning plan.

First, I used a switch on the steering column to electrically *lower* the entire pedal box so I could stretch out my legs a bit more. It's standard on all XJs.

Then I put the (standard) electric leather seat a lot further back, so I could just about reach the brake and accelerator.

Cruise

That felt better too, but I then used the same switch to electrically bring the steering wheel *towards* me so my arms weren't stretched. Again, it's standard.

Thirdly, and this is where it starts to get naughty, I set the cruise control (standard) to a speed I cannot reveal.

So there I am, doing ???mph, on a jam-packed Sunday night motorway, and I can barely reach the pedals, though at least my knee's stopped aching.

Sounds scary, but that's where Jag's little £950 extra called Adaptive Cruise Control kicks in. After you've set your speed, you then set the gap you'd like to keep between you and the car in front.

Radar beams constantly monitor the

distance and you just cruise along, with the car braking and accelerating for you. It's almost like being on a train. Only comfier and less smelly.

I managed to stay in this lazy legs-out position for 150-odd miles. It's fantastic, and so is the new XJ.

In fact, the new, lighter, aluminium-framed XJ, launched only a month ago is, pardon the pun "light years" ahead of the old one.

It is, beyond doubt, absolutely brilliant. Here's a car that is so bang up to date it eclipses the previous model, which, for a worrying length of time now, had me seriously concerned about Jag's future. Not any more.

In the luxury car class BMW were boss with the 7 Series. But then back came Audi, who were running away with things thanks to the A8. Just recently Mercedes launched the superb new S-Class, bristling with high-tech and combining luxury with a great drive.

And all along, quietly in the background my favourite was the Lexus.

I had two weeks in the Lexus LS 430 followed by another fortnight in the last XJ and there was no comparison. You'd have been a fool to buy the Jag.

Now, I am nothing like as sure. Worse still, as far as Lexus are concerned, the XJ I've been driving was a diesel, and they don't have one, although they are

going semi-electric (see above). The Jag had the latest 2.7-litre motor that first appeared in the S-Type and forced me to write, at the time: "Last week Jaguar told me the most horrible lie. They said I was in a diesel."

Of course, they were right. This is one sensational engine. And in the new lightweight XJ it is magic.

And why not? If you put 204 horses and a sensational 321 lbs of torque into a car that weighs only 10% more than a Focus, why not just call it the bullet?

From the outside, the inside, or just in terms of performance, you would never know that this huge car is a diesel that averages 35 mpg.

Smooth

It rockets away in that eyeball popping, yet smooth and silent way that Jags are famous for. Virtually every gadget on the planet, including touch-screen controls, light-sensitive headlights, rain-sensitive wipers, electric everything all come as standard.

Even the window pillars are lined in an accountant-bashing velvety soft-touch trim, while the instruments are back to feeling Jaguar rather than Ford.

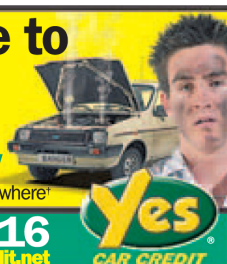
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MOTOR MOUTH

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Registration hate

GOT a personal number plate? Think you look cool? Well you might not feel quite so smart in a minute.

A survey by TV car dealership Teletext Cars shows that half of us don't want to own a personal number plate and consider that people who do have them are show-offs.

Another third of us think they're "tacky", while one in five motorists say they're simply the product of a mid-life crisis or that they're for "chavs". In

fact, they've even become a source of derision, with half of us saying they would actually burst out laughing at people who bought a personalised number plate.

Teletext Cars chief Sean Grant said: "They are now more of a sign of amusement than respect. People seem to prefer a more down to earth, understated approach to their lives."

If you ask me, it's all plain jealousy. I've had one for years.

If you're looking for a small car, but want something a bit special, here are two motors I can recommend: They are the Kia Picanto and Hyundai Getz, both now available in "Special Edition" form. At £7,595 the new four-door Picanto SE + adds leather trim, gear-knob and steering wheel, alloy wheels, fog lamps and a flash chrome grille for £1,000 more than previous top-of-the-range, the LX. Meanwhile, £6,995 gets you a two-door, 1.1-litre Getz SE, which won't cost you a penny extra over the standard car. You can, however, choose from a "Hip Hop" red paint job and interior or an "Ebony" black finish with a blue inside job.



BRUTE-IFUL: New LS will match muscle car looks with a mix of V8 and electric power to keep it cleaner than rivals

New limo Lex like a winner

WOW! Just look at this for scary. It's the Lexus LF concept car, but take it from me it's the next-generation Lexus LS, and isn't it just brilliant? The LF just stands for Laugh, and they're having one.

For years now, the LS has been my favourite top limo, but it's a fact that while it's still wonderful to drive, the new Merc S-Class, Audi A8 and BMW 7-Series all make it look decidedly old, while if you've read my report on the Jaguar XJ,

(left), you'll realise this is streets ahead of all of them as a

driver's car. Well, Lexus aim to change all that before the end of next year, because the LS won't just be the scariest car that's ever loomed up behind you, it's also set to be the friendliest to the air we breathe, because it's a hybrid - part petrol, part electric.

No wonder the bonnet's so long. Lexus say that the new car won't just have a V8 engine under there, but it will be backed up by electric "motors". That's right, more than one.

Although they won't say yet just how many there will be, they do promise "exceptional" acceleration, matched to four-wheel-drive. It sounds, and looks, absolutely fantastic.



WIN this £600 leccy bike

AM I good to you or what? You probably remember that a couple of weeks ago I promised to run a contest to give you lucky Motor Mouth readers the chance to win one of these sensational £599 electric bikes.

Well here it is: Set the streets on fire with the amazing Sakura Mustang Electric Chopper bike.

As makers Sakura proudly boast: "The phrases 'making a statement' and 'electric bike' have probably never appeared in the same sentence. Well they do now!"

But there's more to the easy-rider Mustang than just a work of art.

You can cruise the streets in style with no effort - just let the electric motor take the strain.

However, don't get the idea that this is a kid's bike, because at a full 7ft 2in long, riders have to be at least 5ft 5in. The

Mustang features this flash metallic red flame finish, chrome handlebars, a wide motorcycle-style rear tyre, high Back Seat, twist & go throttle and hidden battery compartment.

It has a 200-watt high torque motor that gives it a near

16mph top speed and even front disc brakes. Want one? You'd kill for it. But before you do, entering this contest could save you a life sentence.

Simply phone **0905 028 0202** and leave your name and address and the answer to this simple question: *How tall must you be to ride the Mustang?*

Your call will cost just 25p from a BT landline, which is cheaper than a stamp.

Alternatively, text DSMOTOR followed by your name and details to 61616. Texts cost 25p plus your usual network operator rates.

Winners will be chosen by midnight next Thursday, at random from all entries. Normal Daily Star rules apply.

Good luck, folks.

● Further details: Visit www.sbsb.co.uk or phone 0208 896 1133 for the address of your nearest dealer.



DREAM MACHINE: The Mustang

IMAGE

HERE'S how the Jaguar XJ 2.7L diesel

Sovereign fares image-wise.

REAR MIRROR MONSTER: Perfect combination of ageless beauty married to sheer power. Scary and swish all in one go.

BACKSIDE BEAUTY: Sits better than the previous XJ, which looked too hunched and high up. It's fabulous.

PLAYTIME PLEASER: The entire new XJ range is astonishingly well equipped. All cars come with full leather trim, electric seats with memory settings, twin-zone climate control, trip computer, cruise. It just goes on and on.

NAUGHTY NIGGLES: Usual moan about the Jaguar boot. It may stretch back for miles, but there's just no depth to it. Come on lads, sort it.

TASTY TOUCHES: All-round quality of the fittings, the instruments and gentleman's club blend of burr walnut and leather. Aaah.

FAST OR LAST: Super quick, super silent, ocean cruiser that's surprisingly fierce when it has to be.

WONGA WONDER: For this kind of executive car, the new Jag range is terrific value.

WOULD AN ESSEX GIRL LIKE IT? Only for the occasional journey. It's not that there's anything wrong with the car, it's just that Tracey would get sick of having to get dressed up every time she went out.

GET IN THE Q FOR THIS

MOTORMOUTH EXTRA

IS it a car? Is it the Incredible Hulk? It's neither, it's the Audi Q7, and if you want one of these luxury four-wheel-drive lorries you can order yours right now even though you won't get it until next summer.

The "think of the children", "speed kills", school-run mums would totally flatten anything in their way in this 2.3-tonne monster, that weighs much the same as two family hatchbacks.

At £37,285, there's the 228 bhp, 3.0-litre turbo-diesel, with 370 lbs of torque and what Audi call: "Seven-seat versatility and air-cushioned ride."

It hits 0-62 mph in 9.1 secs, tops out at 134 mph and averages 27 mpg. Its CO2 figure is a ghastly 282 g/km.

A mere £46,780 buys a 4.2-litre, 343 bhp, V8 petrol job with 154 mph and 0-62 in 7.4 secs. It averages 21 mpg and pollutes the planet at the rate of 326 grammes of CO2 for every kilometre its selfish owners drive it.



SEVEN UP: With air suspension and seven seats the Audi Q7 will be in big demand for the school run

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It's yellow for leather

THINKING of buying a motorbike? Then before you rush out and get the first one that seems good value, remember this:

The colour of the machine you choose, and the leathers you want to go with it, can reveal an awful lot about the invisible face behind the visor.

Essex insurance firm Devitt's, who specialise in bike insurance, asked top colour psychologist Angela Wright to explain what sort

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of message Britain's bikers are sending out without actually realising it.

And girls, if you want to expect a wild ride and be made to feel like a princess, then get yourself a guy with a red bike and gold leathers.

However, if you prefer a more mature, loving partner, yet one who still has a bit of a glint in his eye, then it's the guy with yellow

leathers and a blue bike who's definitely the one you're looking for.

If it's simply loads of fun and a close friendship you want, look out for a pink biker on an orange machine.

Devitt's surveyed its customers' leather and bike colours and passed the results to Angela Wright, who says that the colour a man chooses for a bike indicates his attitude to biking itself, while the colour of his leathers indicates how he sees himself when he's riding it.

The most popular colours for bikes are red, blue and black, while for leathers it's black, followed by red.

Angela says: "Many people think that colour is just a matter of how things look - and it's often dismissed as being purely cosmetic."

Barrier

"But the fact is that the colour people choose is an instinctive, unconscious response to what is a vital element in our survival."

"The most popular colour for leathers is black, which many people think is neutral."

"But that's not true at all. Black absorbs all colour wavelengths and creates a barrier between the wearer and the world. This often indicates a need for protection."

"It's effectively an absence of light - equivalent to darkness - and, since many people are afraid of the dark, it can be perceived as quite threatening."

"And yes, it's very effective in this role, but in actual fact the wearer might feel anything but powerful and menacing."

THE COLOUR CODE

WHAT can colours tell you about a biker? Mix and match for results of bike and leathers ...

Beige: A calm, dependable, no-fuss man.

Blue: He has clear thought, maturity and responsibility.

Black: This man requires protection from the outside world.

Gold: He exudes luxury, top-of-the-range expense, sophistication and glamour.

Green: A balanced and peaceful man who will keep everything he touches finely tuned.

Grey: He enjoys well-made, functional items, but may have slight low self-confidence.

Mauve/Purple: An upmarket

man, he can also be rather naughty and self-indulgent.

Orange: This guy likes physical comfort, pleasure and lots of sensuality.

Pink: A maternal man, loving, nurturing, and with a strong assertion of his feminine side.

Red: The sign of a strong and masculine man, exhilarating and exciting.

Silver: The man who loves a combination of luxury, speed and fine engineering.

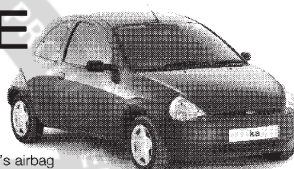
White: This guy wants uncompromising, clean excellence and the world to keep away.

Yellow: A self-confident and optimistic man, he is fun, yet more mature than an orange biker.

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NOBBY'S KNOWS: BAG

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Or you can solve our fun Number Cruncher - all this week's questions are repeated below.

But first here's one final fact fling for all you trivia lovers with more of our Pick n' Mix favourites...

Cock and Bull Story

We've all heard a tall tale or two. But this phrase for it actually came from the town of Stony Stratford in Buckinghamshire where travellers used to change coaches and tell each other fanciful stories at two pubs, The Cock and The Bull. Sounds fishy to us.

I like a Goatee

In India a woman can legally wed a goat.

Hot chicks

In the Middle Ages men used chicken soup as an aphrodisiac to pep up their sex lives.

Bird Flew

The fortunes of Pacific nation Nauru have been built on birds droppings which they sell to Australia as fertilizer. Gives the phrase 'crap job' a whole new meaning.

Hang It All

In 1845 British lawmakers cracked down on people attempting to commit suicide - by threatening to hang them if they got caught.

World's Smallest Town

It may have the world's biggest population but China is reckoned to have the globe's tiniest town. Yumen has just three residents - an elderly

man and his two daughters - but it still has a local council, chief executive and an official seal. The dad must be a busy man.

When In Rome

Every continent in the world contains a city called Rome.

Marriage On The Rocks

Back in the madcap 1970s, a Los Angeles woman named Jannene Swift officially married a 50lb rock.

Dicey Work

In eighteenth-century English gambling dens there was an employee whose only job was to swallow the dice if there was a police raid.

Something To Mule Over
More people are killed annually by donkeys than in airplane crashes.

Suits You

The phrase, 'The Whole Nine Yards' isn't a sporting term as most people think. It comes from the amount of material needed to make a fine suit.

Humble Pie

Eating humble pie was a reality in 17th century Britain when there really was a kind of snack called an Umble Pie favoured by poorer folk - it was made of offal. Mmm.

Bowl Me

Next time you go bowling tell your mates it was originally a German pastime called Heidenwerfen - which meant 'strike down the heathens'. It'll knock 'em dead.

Coffee Up

In Saudi Arabia a woman is entitled to get a divorce if her husband doesn't make her enough coffee. And you thought your partner nagged you too much.

Glass Act

There are some barmy world records out there but this one is the best bar none. It's the record for the most glasses balanced on the chin and was achieved in 2001 by Ashrita Furman in New York who managed to balance an amazing 75 pint glasses on the end of his face for 10.6 seconds.

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Jackie, Brentford, Middlesex KNOW YOUR ONIONS

An apple, onion, and potato all have the same taste. The differences in flavour are caused by their smell. To prove this - pinch your nose and take a bite from each. They will all taste sweet. So save money and fill your fruit bowl with spuds and onions!

Emily, Harrogate FAST FACT

A 'jiffy' is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second.

Lee, Whaley Bridge, Derbys ANT ATTACK

There are one million ants for every person on the planet. And they could be planning something - I mean how would we know?

Chris, Mayfield, East Sussex BOTTOMS UP

The average driver emits enough wind inside their car during their lifetime to fill over 1000 balloons.

Maureen, Banstead, Surrey GAME ON

The most landed on square in the British version of Monopoly is Trafalgar Square.

Sarah, High Wycombe, Bucks SNAIL RACE

The first Grand Prix race was won with an average speed of just 46 mph.